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## MONARCH SOCIAL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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(WORKING FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL CROSSDRESSERS/BIGENDERAL COMMUNITY)

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#### FROM YOUR EDITOR:

NEWSLETTER: WANTED EDITOR!!! EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1992

Once the next issue has been published, I will have been editor of the newsletter for a year. There have been alot of changes to the newsletter and many hours spent both in the creative and production sides. I am proud of what has been accomplished and that I have had an active role in making these changes happen. I feel that the members of the Monarch Social Club are like sisters to me and have helped/are helping me in my times of need. It has been a priviledge to give something back to the club. But, there comes a time when one must pull back and become less involve for both personal reasons and to give others the opportunity to contribute. This time for me has come. I find that I can no longer devote the time to put out the quality of newsletter that would satisfy me personally and so it is time to move on. I am looking for a replacement EDITOR. I will assist in everyway possible given that my available time is limited. This decision in no way affects my other role in the club as President. We have a vacant position as head of the committee for new members and I would like to take this on formally (Willi and I are currently doing it anyway). So if you are interested in the job of NEWSLETTER EDITOR please contact us ASAP.

#### CROSSDRESSERS RESOURCE SURVIVAL GUIDE

Work has begun on the 1992 issue of the Crossdressers Resource Survival Guide. Belinda Doree is again putting this magazine together. If you have any knowledge of stores, or shops, clubs, etc. that can provide a service to the crossdressing community, we would like to publish their service. Categories include beauty, lingerie, shoes, wigs, clothing, TV boutiques, dressing tips, entertainment, and TV publications/newsletters. The goal is to cover as many geographical areas as possible and we feel that MSC can make a major contribution by submitting places in the Central & Southwestern Ontario. So lets get working on making the 1992 edition better as far as our area is concerned. Most of us know of at least one place so I expect alot of submissions. These can be made either through us or to Belinda directly.

DIRECTORS MEETING: Sunday March 15th, 1992 (2:00 PM) at Willi's - All Welcome

DUES: ARE THEY PAID UP? Most of us are aware of the month that we joined Monarch. Dues continue to be \$75.00 and this is a reminder that if your anniversary month is February that your membership fees are now due. Cheques should be made payable to Monarch Social Club and sent to the above address.

LOST AND FOUND: Willi reports that he has accumulated a number of coats and jackets over the last year. if you think that you may have left something, give him a call or pay us a visit.

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Melissa (Editor) Willamina (Associate Editor) Ruby (Associate Editor)

YOUR EDITORIAL STAFF

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#### YEARBOOK:

Plans are under way to put together a yearbook. We are now asking for contributions such as member profiles, pictures articles, drawings etc. To assist you with putting together a profile, I completed one on myself. This is just an example or guideline, submit what you think is relevant. A picture to accompany your profile is preferable.

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#### **CLUBS/MEMBERSHIPS:**

Monarch Social Club:

- Member (Nov /90)
- Newsletter Editor (April 1991 -)
- Interim President (June October 1991)
- President (October 1991 -)

Betty Page Social Club: - Member (June/91)

#### Diaper Pail Fraternity (DPF)

- Member (Aug /91)
- Regional Director (Dec 1991 -)

Xcorriga: - Founding Member (July/91)

#### **FAVOURITE SAYINGS:**

- do makeup as naturally as possible
- have some fun with it
- one day/step at a time

#### **FAVOURITE COLOUR:**

- Pastel Pink

#### **FAVOURITE HATES**

- Dairy products, liver, brussel sprouts
- Macho males

#### **SEXUAL PREFERENCE:**

None – I'am more interested in the person than their gender.

#### MARITAL STATUS:

 Separated with three children, Wife knows but was unwilling to participate.

#### PERSONAL DATA:

- Age 42, 5' 10", 130 lbs

#### CLUB GOALS:

- increase the number of active members in social events and club affairs
- develop a nationwide network of CD clubs

#### PERSONAL GOALS:

- finish the electrolysis
- be able to go out on the street with a minimum amount of makeup ("doing it naturally").
- continue to learn more about makeup, wigs and my femme side in general.
- help and educate crossdressers

#### **DRESSING PREFERENCES:**

I am fortunate that I live with Willi so I can dress anyway that I want at anytime. Consequently, my dressing tends to be related to my moods and/or where I am going. This ranges from baby girl → school girl → adult and from pants → skirts and blouses → dresses. Also have an interest in kilts, crinolines, PVC, latex and anything frilly.

#### INTERESTS/HOBBIES:

- collecting clothes
- shopping (after 9.5 hours of being in malls, a friend once said to me "you shop till I drop").
- sports in general (I play on two baseball teams)
- computers

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#### SPORT LEGS

Are you tired of the smell of chorine and looking like a prune. Does your hair have that washed out look. Then maybe it is time to give up your water wings, and your spot on the olympic team and take up a new sport.

Bike racing does not require you to spend hours in the water. You get plenty of fresh air and exercise, but it is recommended that you shave your legs. The reason is not speed, but less damage is done to the legs, when you fall off the bike, if the hair is not there to be caught as you slide on the ground.

So get your bike, and change the conversation about your shaved legs, to who won the latest bike race. After all people do get tired of hearing about speed swimming.

Cher

#### **NEW YEAR'S AT WILLI'S**

Well, the end of 1991 did not finish up without one last part for the members of MSC. Our Hostesses, Willi, Shirley and Melissa, had alot of us over to greet the New Year of 1992 with a full—house of crossdressers and a few straight guests to help round out the attendance and add a flavourful touch. Along with the old favorites like Tina, Rebecca, Dawn, Jenny and myself, there was a few-members-from-Xcorriga and a new-member, Suzy, with her understanding wife, not to mention a few others whose names I cannot recall.

The festivities began early with a full blown meal from a local Chinese carry—out and went on well into the wee hours of the morning. The sun was almost coming up when the last of the partying diehards crawled off to snooze wherever we could find a place to lie down. There were glasses of Champagne to toast the New Year, several bottles of exotic wines and who knows how much beer to consume. Maybe we overdid the alcohol, but not the warm cheers and good natured congratulations as the early hours of

1992 came into being.

Racheal and Gerry came over early and chitchatted with us before going on to make their rounds at other parties elsewhere to be had. Brooke, who is so far along with her transsexualism, managed to show up dressed very nicely and the new member Suzy, seems to be a reformed biker judging from the photos of a good—looking Harley Davidson and the elaborate tatoos on her arms.

Willi had a cherry fire going all night, when the wood ran out, I was so inclined to strut out to the garage for another hefty load of split pine that I heaved over my shoulder and brought back into the house to keep the home fires burning warm and brightly. About the only problem we had was we couldn't get the crowd of people to quit hanging around the kitchen table and move the party to other more appropriate places in the house. In spite of the abundance of alcohol, there was little over excess and/or drunkeness to contend with since we took all night to consume it all. But, we were feeling no pain, or why the h\_\_ was everyone dancing so much.

At midnight, everyone hugged and Dawn warned Jenny not to kiss her as the year 1991 became history. Several hours later, I crashed, the last one to go to bed. I awoke the next morning, or should I say the next afternoon around 1:00 PM, but it was still another day before I could bring myself to make the long drive home.

Thank you for the wonderful party, Willi. I am glad I could make it and we even managed to write up some more last minute material for the January Newsletter. Happy New Year!

RUBY JENSEN

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#### **COMING EVENTS**

"Fetish Night" — March 5 & 19, 1992 — 9 P.M. (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month) Boots (Selby Hotel) 592 Sherbourne St. (1 block south of Bloor) Toronto, Ontario Admission \$8.00 at the Door \$2.00 for Betty Page Club Members

The Betty Page Social Club Pub Night March 10,th, 1992 (Every 2nd Tuesday) at The Manhole 375 Church St. (1 block north of Gerrard) Toronto, Ontario

Texas 'T' Party — February 28 — March 1, 1992 P.O. Box 17, Bulverde, Texas 78163 (512) 438—7604

D.Q. '92 — Fri. March 6, 1992 @ 9:00 P.M.
The Bathurst Street Theatre — \$40.00
(Note: shows run all week but it is felt that this would be the best one to attend)
"Third addition of the largest drag show to be staged in Canada! It will again be a fund raiser for the Casey House Hospice, for its planned Outreach/Home Hospice Programmes."
Tickets are available through the following

 Glad Day and This Ain't the Rosedale Library Bookstores

Box 1332, Station F, Toronto M4Y 2V9

MONARCH DINERS CLUB — SAT MARCH 28 at Jennies (360 Queen St. E. Toronto). Anyone interested contact Tina, Willi or Melissa.

ROCHESTER NEW YORK OUTING, late March or April. Anyone interested contact Tina, Willi or Melissa.

LAMBDA BALL - March 1992 Transpitt, Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230 "Night of a 1000 Gowns" — March 1992 Imperial Court of New York, c/o Ben Freeman 200 East 16th St, Suite 2M, NYC, NY 10003 212-673-7633

"Coming Together" Convention – April 6–12/92 Houston, IFGE, P.O. Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778, 617–894–8340

EASTER AT MANFRED"S MEADOW's
April 17–19, anyone interested contact Tina,
Willi or Melissa. Only 4 overnight vacancies left.
Balance due on March 15th, 1992 for attendees
that have made a deposit for this event.

Poconos Fantasy Festival – May 14–17, 1992 Fem Fashions, 9W 31st Ss, #7R, NYC NY 10001. 212–629–5750

Paradise in the Poconos – May 14–17, 1992 Creative Design Services, Box 1263 King of Prussia, PA 19406. 215–640–9449

Esprit '92 - May 13-17,1992 - Port Angeles P.O. Box 55874, Seattle Wa 98155

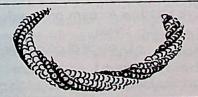
Provincetown Outing — May/June 1992 TCNE, P.O. Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888, 508—358—2305

Be All You Want to Be - June 1992 - Cleveland Paradise, P.O. Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129

MSC MARDI GRAS '92 (6th ANNUAL)
Dates tentatively set for Oct 2-4.

Xcorriga General Meeting — Feb 29/92 Call Willi for details.

Gender Mosaic's "Girls Night Out at the Zipper Club" - March 4, 1992 - 7 to 10PM - \$10 cover charge. Contact Belinda Doree.



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## WHEN TO THROW OUT YOUR OLD COSMETICS

#### Type of makeup

- Shelf life
- Replacement sign

#### Liquid foundation (cream based)

- -1-2 years
- Oil separation

#### Liquid foundation (water based)

- -1-2 years
- Dried out, clumpy, even when shaken

#### Lipstick

- 2 years
- Beads of oil on sides

#### Lip gloss

- 2 years
- Beads of oil on sides

#### Lip pencil

- -2 years
- Beads of oil on sides

#### Liquid mascara

- -3 months
- None (bacterial contamination not detectable)

#### Liquid eyeliner

- -3 months
- None

#### Eye pencil (liner)

- -3 months
- None

#### Eye shadow (cream or powder)

- -1 year
- Change of colour, brittle

#### Face powder

- 1-2 years
- Off colour or clumpy

#### Powder blush

- 2 years
- Change of colour

#### Gel blush

- 1 year
- Soupy

#### Nail polish

- 2-3 years
- Dried out

#### Moisturizer

- 1-2 years
- Separation, change in colour

Every woman who uses cosmetics needs to know when it's time to toss them out and here's a handy chart that tells when that lipstick, eye shadow, or other makeup item belongs in the trash can.

Makeup has a specific shelf life, and when it's exposed to temperature changes or bacteria, it can break down," said Janice Teal, director of product and package safety for Avon Products Inc. "Ingredients in cosmetics can separate or spoil, or consumers can introduce dirt and oil when they use the product".

This chart gives the expected shelf life of a makeup item once opened, and the signs that indicated it is ready to be replaced.

NOTE: This information was taken from the National Enquirer Magazine – Swimsuit Special.

DONNA

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## BRITISH CLOTHING STORE TURNS MEN MEN INTO WOMEN

(from the Windsor Daily Star)

LONDON (Reuter) - Racks of frilly lingerie complete with shelves of wigs and cosmetics at Transformation, a tiny London shop that offers to make beautiful women out of its customers.

But the clients sorting through the underwear, dresses and shoes are men, and they are not shopping for their wives or girlfriends. They are shopping for themselves.

You only have to be in the shop for a few minutes to see they are not for women — you see false breasts, bottom pads," said Raiko Ristic, who manages the four Transformation stores in Britain. "We can turn men into convincing women".

Ristic's customers are transvestites – men, usually heterosexual, who enjoy dressing as women.

As soon as you mention transvestites you think of drag artists," Ristic said. "Drag artists tend to be gay men...dressed up, glittering eyes".

But customers at Transformation look more like accountants or business men with their neat appearances and smart suits.

"Transvestites tend to be heterosexual men married," Rustic said. "Nobody knows why".

One customer, who declined to give his name, said he could not explain why he felt the need to put on a wig, high heels, a dress and makeup.

"There are no easy answers," he said. "When you are under a great deal of pressure, usually personal, it gives a feeling of relaxation".

The customer said his girlfriend did not know about his habit and he was not sure she would

approve.

"Most wives, once they find out, don't accept it,"
Rustic said. "We provide a discreet environment.
Ninety per cent of our customers are closet
transvestites and their biggest fear is being
found out".

#### LETTERS

February 10, 1992

My Dear New Friends,

A shortage for words is not one of my usual problems but presently, I am quite over—whelmed. Your friendliness and eager acceptance have really quite moved me. Yesterday, as I traveled back to London I puzzled over this and concluded finally that you are simply very nice people.

Please accept my sincerest "thanks" for a staggeringly great time. My real hope is that our relationship will continue and that I may somehow succeed in returning your altruistic handling of me by helping others and by helping you.

Again, thanks for everything and if I prevail in releasing myself to do as I feel compelled then, most unreservedly I hope to devote myself to promoting the "Monarch" in whatever way my small abilities will allow.

Sincerely Crystal

#### FROM THE EDITOR:

We get lots of letters from various people inquiring about Monarch. Some join and some don't. Crystal is our newest member. It is nice to know that your services are appreciated and the effort is worthwhile. I guess we are doing something right. I hope you enjoyed the London outing Crystal? We enjoyed your company.

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Estrogen is blamed

Transsexual found at be at high risk for breast cancer

A reseacher at the Harvard Medical School says that male—to—female transsexuals taking estro—gen should have regular examinations for breast cancer because they are at greater risk for developing the tumors.

Dr. Janet Baum, who is also affiliated with Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, told her colleagues at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America in early December that of the 31 transsexuals she examined, two had precancerous growth in their breasts. She said this was a higher incidence than would have been found in a comparable group of women. The patients she examined ranged in age from 26 to 70, with the average age being in the late 30s.

She said that under X rays, the breasts of the transsexuals look just like those of young women except for the presence of "a lot more pectoral muscle than would have been expected."

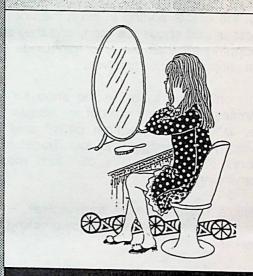
Last April, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) linked breast cancer to estrogen prescribed for menopausal women. In some cases, the CDC said, taking the hormone more than doubled their risk of getting the disease. Baum said the doses of estrogen taken by male—to—female transsexuals are 5 to 10 times as large as the doses given older women to treat the effects of menopause. Breasts cancer also can occur in men, but it is very rare—accounting for less than one percent of all cases.

Baum recommended that individuals taking estrogen be carefully monitored with monthly breast self—exams and regular mammograms and physical exams by doctors. The medical literature reports three cases of transsexuals who died from late detection of breast cancer.

Baum said that many of her colleagues kidded her about her study. But she defended her

research by saying this was a health problem that affects up to 100,000 people in North America and Europe. she also said the study provided insights into understanding the effects of estrogen.

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#### YOUR SOCIAL SCENE

Last edition we published our first effort at compiling a list of places to go. The following is an addition to this list.

TAVERN, BAR and DANCING - LONDON

"52nd STREET" at 347 CLARENCE ST., LONDON. You may have heard of "THE BAR" or BANNISTER" was a mainly female gay nightclub in London or you may have been there, but the new place is called "52nd Street" and is much larger and fancier but with the same friendly staff Lee J. and Lisa, etc. Like a club with pool table and other entertainment machines, a place not to be missed if you visit London. Phone number is 679–4015. if Tina is not elsewhere like Berlin, Hamburg, Amsterdam, Chicago, Montreal or Toronto, she'll go with you, "en femme" of course.

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## PROPOSING A NEW TERMINOLOGY FOR THE CROSSDRESSING COMMUNITY

by Virginia Prince

The matter of labels in our community has come up many times and seems to be divided between those who want some sort of definition and those who say, "we don't need labels, we are just people." I submit to the latter group that categorization is the way the human mind works and, as such, desriptive terms are necessary. It would be ridiculous not to distinquish between a banana and an orange just because they are both "fruit". Likewise, it is necessary to distinquish between races, nations, kinds of people, or occupations. But the battle has largely been over what designation should be applied to our group.

The term "transvestite" came into disfavor because it has a "medical" and thus "abnormal" pejorative flavor to it. The terms "crossdresser" or "CD" (which is simply substituting English for Latin) have come into common use. However, these are terms that say what we do not who we are. I came up with the term "Femmiphilia" for the phenomenon, meaning literally " a lover of the feminine." These never caught on because they sound too technical even though accurate. Now I think it is time for and neces—sary to define a new and acceptable term for us.

I say "necessary" because there is an aspect of this terminology problem that has not been given much consideration but that is vitally important: public perception. Like it or not, the public needs a descriptive term that they can easily understand and use and which is also acceptable to members of our community. We are not like alcoholics, drug abusers, criminals, voyeurs, pederasts, schizophrenics, epileptics, or a million other types of people. Therefore, we need a "handle" that other people can comfortably use to distinguish us from all other types of people and that is positive, not condemnatory.

We all seek greater public understanding and

acceptance, but it hasn't seemed to occur to many that we can't achieve either until (1) we have a convenient term for all to use and, (2) that term is easily understood by all who use it. That is, a term that doesn't sound too medical or technical. If we are to talk to people (as on talk shows and lectures, not one—on—one conversations) they need a term they can relate to practically the first time they hear it.

There have been lots of "cutesy" names invented for us like "femme—men", "girl—guys", he—shes", "femmemales" and "she—males". (This last term has been preempted by a special class of people having both breasts and penis, and who like to be photographed in all manner of sexual poses. Unfortunately, many of the pornographic magazines that show these people use the terms "TV" and "Trans—vestite" in their titles, making the terms even more confusing and untenable for us.) But, these cutesy names are no good for public use.

Therefore, I would like to propose new terms, namely, Bigenderist, and Bigenderal for the community at large. The terms mean that we are able to express two genders, the masculine and the feminine. Therefore, they describe not what we do, but what we are. They are short and convenient. Best of all, similar terms are already widely used and understood in society. The term "Bisexual" is known to most everyone to mean someone who can and does perform sexually with members of both the same and opposite sex. Since it is important for us to riave the public understand us, it is important to both us and the general public to make a distinction between sex and gender. The public already knows that "bisexual" refers to people who can operate in both sex roles, so "bigenderal" refers to people who can operate in both gender roles. The term "bigenderal" is valuable because it aids the distinction between sex and gender.

In addition to bisexual, everybody is well acquainted with the use of the prefix "bi-" in the following:

Bilateral – two or both sides of Bicameral – two legislative chambers

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## PROPOSING A NEW TERMINOLOGY FOR THE CROSSDRESSING COMMUNITY (cont'd)

Bipartite – two parts
Bilinqual – two languages
Bicentennial – 200th anniversary
Biennial – every two years
Bimetallic – two medals
Bifurcate – division into two parts

Bipedal – two feet (as opposed to a quadruped) Bivalve – two valves (as in clams and muscles)

Bipolar - two poles (as in magnets)

My point is not to show the whole dictionary but to point out that the prefix "bi—" is well used in the English language and, therefore, well understood. So, to refer to us as bigenderal, i.e., having or expressing two genders, not only defines us but promotes the awareness of this separation of sex and gender. This is an important point since the confusion of sex and gender is the basis of our difficulties with society.

It should be pointed out that while "bi—" means two, "trans" means across or beyond. Thus, the terms "transgenderist" and "transsexual" remain valid and appropriate since the former indicates the individual has crossed the gender border and taken up residence, permanently, on the other side in the opposite gender, and the latter refers to people who have crossed the sexual border for permanent living as a member of the opposite sex. The fact that transsexuals have also crossed the gender border is secondary and incidental.

The commonly used term "transgendered" to describe the community is not correct because most of the members of the community have not "trans-ed" anything, except on a very

temporary basis. The consistent and, therefore, proper word to use for the community as a whole should be "bigendered" which it is.

I hope the word "bigenderal" will be adopted and promoted in books, newsletters, lectures, etc., until we have one generally accepted word within our community — one we can gradually teach to society in general and the professional community in particular. Your help in achieving this goal will be appreciated by all.

EDITORIAL: As both President and Newsletter Editor for MSC, I strongly support Virginia's proposal. Nothing irks me more than to be called a TV or CD when it is associated with those who dress in female clothes only for sexual purposes and this, sadly, is the public's perception in general. Also, the word "bigenderal" describes both male-to-female and female-to-male, whereas TV and CD tends to relate to only the former. Over the last few months, I have met a number of females who relate as much to the male gender as we do the female one. So why not get a term that incorporates all. Certainly CD'ing doesn't as I have yet to find a piece of male clothing that can truly be called male ONLY. Therefore by definition there cannot be

Inerefore by definition there cannot be female CDs. Someone besides Virginia must get the ball rolling so I propose that Monarch use the terms "bigenderal" and "bigenderist" in place of "transvestite" and "crossdresser". Another, be it minor reason, is that nobody seems to know how to spell the word. Is it spelled |"crossdresser", "cross dresser" or "cross—dresser"? Also transvestite seems, to me, to have connot—ations of Dracula (personal hangup).

MELISSA

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More breathless advice from— Madeline V. Bannister at the 45th Parallel

#### THE DATING GAME

Like many other TG's my thoughts have turned, from time to time, to the subject of dating, not I hasten to add from any wish to indulge in any form of prurient activity, but simply to have a male escort to attend various functions, like dining out, theatre, dancing, etc. So I advertised!

I placed ads in one or two of the papers which specialized in this type of thing. I had specified quite clearly that I wanted an escort for purely social intercourse, with the accent on the word social. I received several replies, one of which went into great detail of the sexual games he would perform on me. It was bloodcurdling, particularly to one who is rather asexual. I didn't reply to that one. Of the others, I narrowed them down to three likely prospects. My first date was with a gentleman for dinner at the Royal York. It went down quite well but how he could put the drinks down! I was a little worried in the event he passed out under the table, but he carried it well. Unfortuanately, he was rather smaller in stature than what I had in mind.

The next two assignations were on the same day, one for lunch and the other for dinner. My luncheon date was satisfactory, tall but didn't seem to understand the difference between social and sexual intercourse, a failing of many men, I since learned! We met in the parking lot of a large hotel where he promptly grabbed me in a passionate embrace and kissed me, at the same time my skirts were whisked up around my shoulders somewhere. I managed to extricate myself from this initial outburst of passion but in my car the advances continued unabated, under the guise of "getting aquainted". After I firmly told my panting suitor that sex of any kind was out of the question, he became a little glum and left in a bit of a huff.

My dinner date that evening, was a very nice, tall intellectual type and we went to a Spanish restaurant for dinner and to see the flamenco dancers. It was an agreeable evening and I had hopes that our association However, after we arrived might flourish. back at my hotel, he expressed a desire to see me to my room. This was a tactical error on my part and I should have pleaded some indisposition or something, like any sensible woman would do. We finally ended up in my room and he made several advances to me which I responded somewhat lukewarmly. After a few attempts to fire up my passion!!! he left quite amicably but said we would have breakfast in the morning. I thought this was rather nice, but sadly he didn't turn up. didn't contact him again.

I am still looking for a gentleman with whom I can go dancing and dining. I wonder about the professional escort services? Anyone had any experiences in this field?

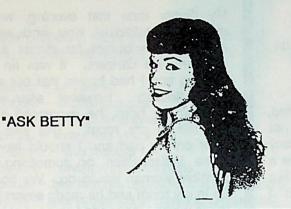
Advertising can bring results, of a kind, but it can also open a veritable Pandoras box of unexpected situations, from which you may find great difficulty in extricating yourself.

FROM THE EDITOR: Someone once told me that telling the person you were HIV+ works pretty well.

#### WIG STYLING - \$15.00

Shirley will comb and style your wig for that special occasion. It takes about 20 minutes provided it has been washed (baby shampoo) and dried. Cost is only \$15.00 for shoulder length. A small extra charge will apply for longer wigs. For your next Fetish Night or party, call Shirley or Willi for an appointment (949–6602). Location is Central Mississauga.

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Ask Betty is the creation of Rachael and Gerry of REM Studio.

Hi girls, Betty here. Thanks for the letters please keep them coming in because it's very hard to guess what your needs are. Keep the girl talk moving and I'll supply the secrets!

#### Dear Ruby J.

The secrets of Betty's hurricane proof lips (the ones that stayed on through my last incident with the entire "good ship lolipop") are:

- (1) Blistex to condition
- (2) When applying foundation don't forget your lips
- (3) Apply powder to lips then dust off the excess
- (4) Pencil your outline (for full lips follow the natural outline)
- (5) Lightly powder the outline
- (6) Use a lip brush to apply colour
- (7) Press lips into tissue (don't use biting motion)
- (8) Apply lip sealer (see below)

To give the illusion of gloss touch the middle of the bottom lip and under the arches of the top with a pearlized light coloured eyeshadow such as pink or gold.

Lipstick sealers that I have used are the following:

(1) "My Lips are Sealed" – roll on at about \$6.95

at Shoppers Drug Mart. Clean roller
after each use and use sparingly.

(2) Magique Kiss at \$17. bloody 95 for 5 mls. Works great but so does #1.

If you wish to avoid all of this fuss, try Covergirl

Lip Advance powdered lip colour without the gloss...Ruby for you I would recommend Paprika. It's my favourite and looks glossy. To avoid lipstick on glasses use straws, tres femme, and on cigarettes, pout a bit when pressing lips to the cigarette as there is no colour applied to the inside of the lip, plus it's quite sexy.

#### Dear Donna

Thank you soooo much for the lovely letter. I am humbled and am willing to answer any questions on wig care, makeup or attire. The only problem with this is that I need specific questions from you as to what you want to know.

EDITOR'S NOTE: When writing Betty be specific with your questions. (eg. my wig is too curly or what can I do, not my wig is crummy help!!!!!

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